

HONORING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY  
OF MR. GEORGE ARNOLD

**HON. RASHIDA TLAI**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 12, 2019*

Ms. TLAI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize my constituent, George Arnold's 100th birthday.

George Daniel Arnold was born in Reidsville, Georgia, to Joseph James and Susie Snell Arnold. The youngest of ten, he was affectionately nicknamed GD by his older siblings. George graduated from Dorchester Academy where he received training as a plasterer. After graduation, George left home and traveled through the south, practicing his trade until 1943.

The lure of better opportunities convinced him to join his brothers in Detroit, Michigan. Once in Detroit, he quickly became part of the community by joining Aijlon Baptist Church. Today he is one of Aijlon's longest serving ushers, sitting on the usher board since 1946. In 1943 he also joined the King David Grand Lodge and is a dedicated member to this day. He has earned many titles of distinction such as, 33rd degree Mason, Past Grand Lecturer, Worshipful Master, Shriner, and Knight of the Temple. His past and current positions include Dean of the Most Worshipful Institute of Learning and Past Instructor of the Most Worshipful Institute of Learning, which in August of this year was renamed the George D. Arnold Institute of Learning in recognition for his devoted service to his Masonic Brothers. As part of his continual service, George also performs burial ceremonies in Detroit, Flint, Saginaw, and Grand Rapids.

In short, Mr. Arnold is a dedicated family man, business owner, and Michigander and we are excited to honor him on his 100th birthday.

HONORING THE 2019 WOMEN OF  
THE YEAR

**HON. JOHN GARAMENDI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 2019 Women of the Year. The honorees represent some of the most outstanding and dedicated women in the 3rd Congressional District. Nominated by their peers, these women and the leadership they have provided are being recognized for playing an integral and crucial role in improving the lives of everyone in their communities.

During the last 50 years women have made great strides in America. It used to be almost unheard of to see women as elected officials, CEOs, senior military officials, doctors or attorneys, but today many of our most successful leaders in the world are women. This progress has not come easy and many women before you have worked hard and strived to achieve the independence and rights you have today. I realize there is more work to be done to ensure that women have equal pay, flexible work schedules and affordable education. Each of the honorees will be a vital part of the future successes for women.

2019's Women of the Year are:

Kellie Geweke Sheeran is a Sutter County native who has worked continuously to give back to her community. A Yuba City High School graduate, Kellie graduated from Chico State with a degree in Organizational Communications before returning home in 2003 to join the family business at Geweke Ford Kia Collision. Over the years, Kellie has contributed tremendously through her family's non-profit organization, Geweke's Caring for Women Foundation, where she served as Director from 2008 to 2010. This organization financially assists local women facing cancer, having now provided over 10,000 women low-cost mammograms and women's health screenings. Under her leadership, the Geweke's Caring for Women Foundation has helped over 430 cancer survivors through numerous grants. Beyond her work with her family's foundation, she has been a steadfast advocate for breast cancer awareness, co-chairing the Pink October Race for Awareness for the last 12 years alongside her sister. Kellie is also an active member of Early Risers Kiwanis and has supported Beale Airforce Base as part of the Beale Military Liaison Council for 10 years, where she has been an honorary commander since 2011. Kellie's passion and dedication make her an invaluable member of the Yuba-Sutter community.

Joyce Hammond is a dedicated educator who has educated thousands of students on topics of health and nutrition. With 24 years of service to the Yuba City Unified School District, she has made a lasting impact on the community. Recently, Joyce has partnered with Sutter County Public Health and CalFresh to promote healthy and active lifestyles by teaching her students about good nutrition and how to make healthy choices through the CalFresh Healthy Living Program. Joyce's invaluable experience in education coupled with her expertise in nutrition has allowed her to seamlessly introduce this new program into her Childhood Development, Early Childhood Careers and Life Management, and Nutritional Science classes. Joyce also takes the time to serve as a co-advisor to the campus Family and Consumer Science Club where she encourages her students to participate in the healthy living program. Joyce's passion, commitment, and professionalism have been a source of inspiration to her colleagues who admire her determination to provide her students with the skills that will help them lead healthy lives for years to come. Joyce's tireless work to improve the quality of life for her students and their families will leave a lasting impact on her community.

Ms. Kathleen Heeren served her country in the United States Army and, following her honorable discharge, continued her life of service by devoting her time to advocating on behalf of her fellow veterans. She is a lifetime member of the American Legion, where she has volunteered for over 21 years. Over the years, Kathleen has served as Commander of the Vacaville American Legion Post 165, Commander of the American Legion 5th District, and the Women Veteran's Representative to the California American Legion. She now serves as the Women Veteran's Representative to the Vacaville Soroptimist International where she has been a member for over 10 years and given her time to a number of committees within the organization. Her generosity and volunteer work have extended to many

youth programs in her community including the Vanden High School JROTC program, local Boy Scout troops, and the American Legion Boys and Girls State programs. Kathleen has truly lived a life of service, wearing the uniform for her country before going on to honor the men and women who served before, after, and alongside her through her work with veteran organizations. Kathleen is an integral part of the Vacaville veteran community and has touched the lives of many.

Kelly Heung has committed her life to helping children of all abilities and backgrounds thrive. Through her many professional and volunteer positions, Kelly has dedicated countless hours to supporting children in her community. Throughout her career she has devoted herself to understanding and meeting the needs of children and has lived that commitment in all her professional and personal actions. Having earned her PhD in Human Development, Kelly became an authority on autism and other neurodevelopmental disorders and now uses her expertise to mentor future leaders in the field. She has also become an active advocate for education in Yolo County, volunteering her time with the Superintendent Parent Advisory Committee, Davis Parent University Board, Davis Joint Unified School District Strategic Planning Committee, Davis Schools Foundation, Parent Teacher Association, and multiple School Site Councils. Kelly has used her positions within all of these organizations to champion the interests of underserved children and ensure equitable treatment for all students throughout her community. Kelly has inspired others with her compassion, conscientiousness, and commitment to being the voice for children who are unable to advocate for themselves. She is generous with her time, energy, and kindness, and is a devoted mother, wife, daughter, and friend.

Rosemary Hicks is a dedicated advocate for children and families in her community. For 42 years, Rosemary has been a devoted part of the Colusa Unified School District. As a former para-educator and current administrative assistant to the Principal of Burchfield Primary School, Rosemary has touched the lives of so many children, teachers, and families. She is known throughout her community as someone who will always find a way to help a family in need. Around the holidays Rosemary is a driving force behind countless community food, clothing, and shoe drives, as well as Toys for Tots programs. She has also served her community through leadership positions in organizations such as the Colusa Little League, IMPACT Thrift Store, the Catholic Ladies Auxiliary, the Lions Club, the Rotary Club, and many more. She is also an active member of the California School Employees Association where she has been a strong advocate for her colleagues. Through her tireless work and dedication to helping others, Rosemary has become a pillar of support for families and children in Colusa. She is known by everyone in Colusa as the heart and soul of the Colusa Unified School District and the community at large.

Jaye Hurt is dedicated to giving back to the men and women who serve our country and the families who support them. Through her work as the Team Lead at the Airman and Family Readiness Center, Jaye is highly respected and admired for her constant dedication to ensuring that our Airmen and their families get the services and support that they